

December 2020



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NEWSLETTER OF THE DOVER/KENT COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING

## Where We've Been....

### The MPO Council:

Mayor Robin R. Christiansen  
**Chairman**  
City of Dover

Michael J. Petit de Mange  
**Vice Chairman**  
(for President Brooks Banta)  
Kent County Levy Court

Mayor James Frazier,  
Town of Magnolia  
(for Kent County municipalities)

John Sisson, for the  
Delaware Transit Corporation

Marc Cote, for Sec. Jennifer Cohan  
Delaware Department of  
Transportation

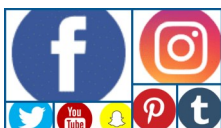
Terry Pepper (for Governor John  
Carney)

### MPO Staff:

Executive Director: Reed Macmillan  
Principal Planner: Jim Galvin  
GIS Planner: Mike Ward  
Public Outreach: Helen Wiles  
Executive Asst.: Catherine Samardza

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### Innovation 2045 going to Council!

After the public workshop and comment period, the MPO collected several comments on the Innovation 2045 update to its MTP. The final draft has been recommended for approval to the Council by the PAC and TAC. The Council will vote to adopt in January 2021.

### Reed Macmillan Announces His Retirement

The Dover/Kent County MPO Executive Director announced that he will be retiring. His last day will be December 31. He will be conducting a transitional period during the month of December with the new Executive Director (see page 2). Mr. Macmillan says "I have enjoyed my past three years working as your Executive Director and now look forward to enjoying my military retirement."



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## *Where We're Headed...*

### MPO Announces New Executive Director

Mayor and MPO Council Chair Robin Christiansen announced that Marilyn J. Smith has been named the new Executive Director of the Dover/Kent County MPO.

"We are thrilled to announce Marilyn J. Smith as our new Executive Director for the Dover/Kent MPO," Christiansen said. "Marilyn's years of leadership and economic development experience were important factors in her selection but even more important to us was her obvious love and appreciation for the people and communities that make Dover and Kent County such a special place. The board and I are confident that she and our capable MPO staff will build on the great work Reed Macmillan has done and will help bring our community's vision for transportation improvement and sustainable business growth to life."



Smith's 30-year career has included prominent roles in public, private, and nonprofit leadership and economic development, with project management experience building public-private partnerships, leading strategic planning initiatives, and visioning for community development. Helen Wiles, MPO public outreach manager, endorsed the hire saying, "Marilyn is going to be instrumental in taking the MPO to the next level."

Smith says she is eager to build on the MPO's successes and planning already in place. "I'm excited to work with our exceptional staff, Council, and committees to build on their many successes, especially in the development and implementation of Innovation 2045. Our region will continue to face challenges as our nation navigates the hardship of a global pandemic. But this community is strong, our leaders are honest and capable, and our businesses and employees are extraordinary. Together, we can rise to this and any occasion and achieve the vision we share for Dover and Kent County's bright future."

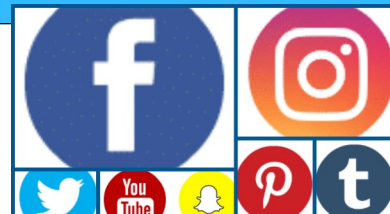
### **We Need Your Ideas!**

Let us know what you'd like to see in future videos...PSA videos, Journeys Live Episodes, or just an educational video for the public.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

**Council Meeting:**  
January 6 @ 3pm

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# MPO Scrapbook



Marilyn J. Smith, New Executive Director  
Dover/Kent Co MPO



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